

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Vacancy Announcement Number: NEGE07843213DOC

NOTE: Applicants must state in their resumes that they possess a Class I or II or equivalent Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification in order to receive consideration.

Opening Date: March 14, 2007

Closing Date: September 14, 2007

First Cut-Off Date: April 12, 2007

Position: Water Treatment Plant Operator, WG-5409-8/10; FPL: 10

Salary: \$20.28 - \$26.36 Hourly

Place of Work: U.S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, Washington Aqueduct, Plant Operations Branch, Dalecarlia Water Operations Section

Duty Station: Washington, DC

Position Status: This is a Permanent position. -- Full Time

Number of Vacancy: Multi

Duties: You will be responsible for the operation & understanding of functions performed by the plant Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) system including control, monitoring & data storage. You will determine treatment/operational changes needed to remain within regulatory limits of purity, chemical requirements, & water production needs. You will analyze present & anticipated raw water quality, evaluate test results, & change chemical feed & filtration rates to keep operations within established limits. You will use experience, lab results, established water quality targets, & instrumentation to determine the amount of chemicals to dose in either the pre or post treatment stages. You will maintain proper elevation through the treatment process by operating master gates, monitoring elevations, & coordinating filtration rates. You will be responsible for record logs of all readings, chemical test results, & changes in the treatment process.

About the Position: The Washington Aqueduct, while a part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is a large scale, vital public utility, wholly financed through the sale of potable water. This job provides the opportunity to work at one of the largest water utilities in the nation, serving the public & producing a product which impacts the lives of all metropolitan area citizens & businesses on a daily basis. To be successful in this position, you will need to commit yourself to the Aqueducts mission of providing safe, reliable & cost effective water.

The SCADA system assists in control of the water treatment process, the pumping & transmission system, & the electrical distribution system. Examples of some of the specific items controlled are chemical feeds to raw & treated water, the operation of three pumping stations that transmit raw & finished water, electrical demand for the entire complex, & the elevation control of numerous raw & finished water reservoirs.

Who May Apply:

- This is a delegated examining announcement, open to all U.S. Citizens.
- Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP) eligibles.

Qualifications:

All applications & self-nominations received by the initial cut-off date will receive first consideration. Subsequent cut-off dates will be made as vacancies occur.

SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR:

WG-08: Candidate is required to possess & maintain certification with the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) as a Class I Water Treatment Plant Operator -OR- possess an equivalent certification.

WG-10: Candidate is required to possess & maintain certification with the ABC as a Class II Water Treatment Plant Operator -OR- possess an equivalent certification. If a candidate with an equivalent certification is selected, the candidate, depending on the grade selected at, must be able to pass the ABC Class I or II certification within 9 months from hiring date.

APPLICANTS MUST STATE IN THEIR RESUMES THAT THEY POSSESS A CLASS I OR II OR EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.

Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to perform the duties of a Water Treatment Plant Operator, rather than length of experience. Eligibility will be determined by the relevance, scope, & quality of all experience & training, regardless of where or how acquired.

The items below should be addressed within the context of the resume. 1. Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision. (SCREEN-OUT ELEMENT) 2. Knowledge/operation of Water Treatment Plant Processes, Equipment, & Repair. 3. Knowledge of technical practices in Water Treatment Plant Operation (theoretical, precise, artistic). 4. Use of measuring instruments. 5. Ability to interpret instructions, specifications, etc., (other than blueprints). 6. Dexterity & safety.

RELATED INFORMATION:

- Pre-employment & annual physicals are required.
- Must be able to wear a Class A emergency response suit with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

PHYSICAL EFFORT: Requires considerable walking & standing on concrete floors, climbing stairs & ladders. Light to moderate effort to turn valves & controls. Lifts up to 40 pounds without assistance, & occasionally lifts & carries heavier items with assistance from other workers.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Works indoors & occasionally outside for short periods. Exposed to constant noise, rotating machinery, dirt, grease, chemicals, oil, & fumes in the work area. Also subject to cuts, abrasions, & burns from the use of tools, equipment, & chemicals. In addition, will work on catwalks & ladders. Must observe safety procedures & use all appropriate safety equipment.

The experience described in your resume will be evaluated and screened for the Office of Personnel Management's basic qualifications requirements, and the skills needed to perform the duties of this position as described in this vacancy announcement.

Other Information:

- To successfully claim veteran's preference, your resume/supplemental data must clearly show your entitlement. Please review the information listed under the Other Requirements link on this announcement or review our on-line Job Application Kit.
- Management may select at any of the grade levels announced.
- Noncompetitive promotion potential to target grade.
- The Department of Defense (DoD) policy on employment of annuitants issued March 18, 2004 will be used in determining eligibility of annuitants. The DoD policy is available on http://www.cpms.osd.mil/fas/staffing/pdf/rem_ann.pdf
- Permanent Change of Station (PCS) expenses will be authorized.

Other Advantages: Recruitment or Relocation Bonus may be offered. Ample free parking is provided on site and at all job locations. Bus service is also available. Work schedules vary depending on the position. For more information on the Washington Aqueduct, please go to: <http://washingtonaqueduct.nab.usace.army.mil/>

Other Requirements:

- Must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret security clearance.
- Must comply with Drug Abuse Testing Program requirements.
- You will be required to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship.
- License/Certification: Valid state drivers license required.
- Male applicants born after December 31, 1959 must complete a Pre-Employment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration.
- Direct Deposit of Pay is required.

- Position requires employee to wear a uniform and/or protective clothing.
- You may claim Military Spouse Preference.
- Failure to provide all of the required information as stated in the vacancy announcement may result in an ineligible rating or may affect the overall rating.
- One year trial/probationary period may be required.

HOW TO APPLY:

If your resume is currently in our central database, you may Self-Nominate by going to the CPOL/CPOC Vacancy Announcement Board <https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/vabSelfNom/index.jsp> , scroll down to the bottom of the page and key (or cut and paste) the announcement number into the Search - Announcement field, select the announcement and go to the bottom and click on SELF NOMINATE. The form will appear that you need to complete to submit your self nomination.

- Resumes must be received by the closing date of this announcement.
- Announcements close at 12:00am (midnight) Eastern Time.

You may fax your resume to: (410) 306-0159

You may email your resume to Point of Contact. You must include Job Announcement Number on the subject line.

Point of Contact: Central Resume Processing Center, 410-306-0137,
applicanthelp@cpsrxtp.belvoir.army.mil

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Applicants will receive appropriate consideration without regard to non-merit factors such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation except where specifically authorized by law, age, politics or disability which do not relate to successful performance of the duties of this position. Otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation may notify the agency Point of Contact on this announcement of their need.

SELECTION FOR THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS RESULTING FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES.